

Memorandum

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Subject : ROSEVILLE ENERGY FACILITY (01-AFC-14)
STATUS REPORT #1

Information Hearing / Site Visit

The information hearing and site visit held on November 27, 2001, provided staff and the public with the opportunity to hear the applicant's description of the project. The applicant is Roseville Energy Facility (REF), LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Enron North America Corporation. The proposed plant site was shown along with the proposed water supply and natural gas supply routes. The applicant's proposed supply of plant water for the project will be provided by the Pleasant Grove Waste Water Treatment Plant (which is currently under construction). The applicant pointed out the proposed new electrical transmission route (with options) will leave the project site and travel approximately 3 miles to join with Western's existing transmission line corridor. The applicant will need to either reconductor approximately 7 miles of transmission lines or remove and replace transmission towers within the Western right of way and string new power lines. The Energy Commission and Western staff are jointly reviewing this project. Western, as the lead federal agency, assures that the project complies with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements.

Data Requests

Staff issued 104 data requests to the applicant on November 20, 2001. Requests were made for additional information in the following topics: project overview, air quality, project alternatives, biological resources, cultural resources, geological resources, hazardous materials, noise, paleontology, plant efficiency, traffic and transportation, transmission system engineering, and visual resources.

Data request workshop #1 was conducted on November 27, 2001, in Roseville, at the Woodcreek Golf Course Clubhouse.

The applicant responded on November 30, 2001 to some the data requests with a letter stating that it could not provide responses to them within the 30-day required time for the data responses to be filed. Responses to the remaining data requests were filed by the applicant on December 20, 2001.

Staff filed 51 additional data requests (#105-156) seeking more project information in the areas of soil and water resources on December 28, 2001. On January 7, 2002, the

applicant responded to some of those data requests by stating that it could not provide responses to them within the 30-day required time for data responses to be filed.

Planned Workshops

A Data Response and Issues Resolution Workshop will be conducted on January 28, 2002, at the Woodcreek Golf Course Clubhouse to address the first 104 data responses and to resolve project issues that have been identified. At the workshop, staff, the applicant, and other interested parties will also address the data requests on soil and water resources. (By the time of the workshop, the applicant should have filed its responses. However, of the 51 soil and water data requests, the applicant expressed that additional time (beyond the 30-day normal response time) may be required to answer 21 of the requests.)

Progress on Significant Issues

On January 11, 2002, the Committee issued a scheduling order for the Roseville Energy Facility (REF). It extends until March when a Committee Status Conference will be held. In order for the project to move forward, staff is working with REF and agencies to resolve the project's significant issues. In the Issues Identification Report filed by staff on November 26, 2001, staff identified six significant issue areas. They are Project Overview, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Land Use, Water Resources, and Transmission System Engineering. At this point, no significant progress has been made in resolving these issues. Staff has issued data requests and will conduct workshops to resolve the issues.

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